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**I-393 WESTBOUND OFF-RAMP AT EXIT 1 TO BE CLOSED UP TO 3 WEEKS
TO ALLOW FOR RESTORING THE ORIGINAL INTERCHANGE**

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces plans to close the Interstate 393 Exit 1 westbound off-ramp in Concord for up to three weeks, effective Wednesday, September 3, 2003.

This ramp closure is necessary to allow for the removal of a temporary ramp and restoring the interchange to its original configuration. Motorists who use the Exit 1 westbound off-ramp to access Fort Eddy Road are asked to follow posted detours.

The following detours will be available:

- I-393 Exit 1 westbound off-ramp traffic to Fort Eddy Road will continue past Exit 1 on I-393 westbound to the I-93 interchange and reverse direction onto I-393 eastbound and take the Exit 1 eastbound off-ramp to Fort Eddy Road.
- I-393 Exit 1 westbound off-ramp traffic to the NH Technical Institute, Police Standards and Training and the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium will continue past Exit 1 on I-393 westbound to North Commercial Street, and then onto Fan Road.

Continuing work on the rehabilitation of the Merrimack River Bridge and the Fort Eddy Road Bridge has also required the closure of the Exit 1 eastbound on-ramp since March 31. That ramp is expected to remain closed until October 15. Fort Eddy Road traffic seeking to use the westbound on-ramp at Exit 1 can proceed west on I-393 to the I-93 interchange and reverse direction to I-393 eastbound.

This project includes the rehabilitation of seven bridges and roadway on I-393 in Concord from North Main Street to 1,300 feet west of Exit 2. Motorists can expect lane shifts during work hours, and some night paving.

R.S. Audley, Inc. of Bow, New Hampshire is the general contractor for the \$6.1 million project, which has a completion date of November 2003.